

# EXHIBIT A

**LIMITED AUTHORIZATION TO ACT ON BEHALF OF ASSIGNEE  
REGARDING CERTAIN PATENT MATTERS  
EFFECTIVE THROUGH: December 31, 2005**

I, Paul W. Sandman, as Executive Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel of Boston Scientific Corporation, the controlling corporation of:

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hereby authorize the following registered patent attorneys/agents (1) to act on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, with regard to any matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, any foreign patent offices, and any international patent entities, (2) to execute power of attorney documents on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, to appoint and/or establish any attorneys, agents, and/or law firms to act on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, in any foreign or international patent applications filed with any foreign and/or international patent offices, and (3) to execute assignment and ownership documents on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, with regard to any matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, any foreign patent offices, and any international patent offices:

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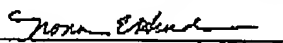
  
Paul W. Sandman  
Executive Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel

05/16/05  
Date

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

} ss.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005, before me personally appeared Paul W. Sandman to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes set forth herein.

 Nona E. Hurd